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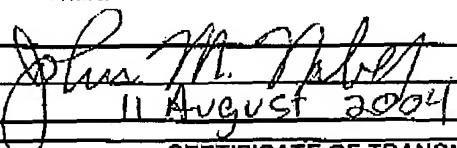
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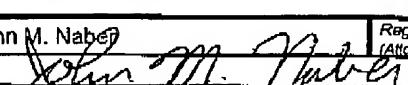
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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS**  
**DATED MAY 26, 2004**

In response to the Office Action dated May 26, 2004, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the embodiment of Figures 1 through 4 described as Species 1 in the present Action. Claims 1-3, 6-11, 15-18, 26-27, and 29-31 are readable on Figures 1 through 4.

Also in response, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the species election requirement to Species 2 through 9 identified in the present Action, as they purportedly apply to Figures 5-15.

Figure 5 (identified in the present Action as Species 2) relates to an embodiment of Figure 1 in that it, along with the associated text in the detailed description portion of the specification, merely show a slight variation of the attachment of the mounting bracket to the load supporting member known by those skilled in the art.

Figures 6 through 9 (identified in the present Action as Species 3) relate to an embodiment of Figure 1 in that it, along with the associated text in the detailed description portion of the specification, merely show a slight variation of the attachment of a mounting bracket to the hook bracket.

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Figure 10 (identified in the present Action as Species 4) relates to an embodiment of Figure 1 in that it, along with the associated text in the detailed description portion of the specification, merely explain in detail to those skilled in art a mode of the hook bracket.

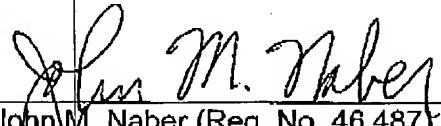
As for the balance of the other restriction requirements, Applicant further submits that all of the claims utilize the same elements of at least one mounting bracket to contact a vertically extending object and a load supporting member situated around the object and thus all of the claims could be most efficiently examined in a single application. Applicant submits that slight variations, explanations, and added detail of the embodiment do not constitute description of a separate species of the item. Applicant thus respectfully requests withdrawal, or at least revision, of the election requirements.

In the event the examiner notes any further matters requiring attention or in the event that prosecution of the application can otherwise be expedited thereby, Applicant invites the Examiner to call undersigned at the number given below.

A Petition for Two Month Extension of Time is being concurrently filed with this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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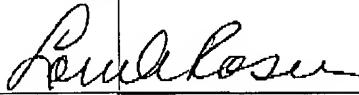
  
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